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1507-B: Daily Attendance Records - Staff and Owners

Not Met

1507-B: A daily attendance record for all staff members and owners shall be maintained that shall:

1. include the first and last name of the staff member or owner and arrival and departure times;
2. accurately reflect the staff members and owners on the center premises at any given time; and
3. be used to document staff members and owners who leave and return to the center during the day

Finding:

1507-B Based on record review/interview on 3/12/18, S1 failed to have a daily attendance record for all staff members and owners present on the center premises. S1 stated that the center staff have never signed in. S1 stated that she uses a payroll sheet that she documents when they are working so that they can be paid.

1507-E: Daily Attendance Records - Visitors

Not Met

1507-E: A daily attendance record for all visitors to include the name, date of visit, arrival and departure times, and the purpose of the visit.

Finding:

1507-E Based on record review on 03/12/2018, provider failed to have a daily attendance record for all visitors to include the name, date of visit, arrival and departure times, and the purpose of the visit.

1509-A.8. a-b: Behavior Management Policy

Not Met

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Each center shall develop and implement a written behavior management policy describing the methods of behavior guidance and management that shall be used at the center.

The behavior management policy shall prohibit children from being subject to any of the following:

- i. physical or corporal punishment which includes but is not limited to yelling, slapping, spanking, yanking, shaking, pinching, exposure to extreme temperatures or other measures producing physical pain, putting anything in the mouth of a child, requiring a child to exercise, or placing a child in an uncomfortable position.
- ii. verbal abuse, which includes but is not limited to using offensive or profane language, telling a child to "shut up", or making derogatory remarks about children or family members of children in the presence of children;
- iii. the threat of a prohibited action even if there is no intent to follow through with the threat;
- iv. being disciplined by another child;
- v. being bullied by another child;
- vi. being deprived of food or beverages;
- vii. being restrained by devices such as high chairs or feeding tables for disciplinary purposes; and
- viii. having active play time withheld for disciplinary purposes, except timeout may be used during active play time for an infraction incurred during the playtime.

Finding:

1509-A.8. a-b Based on record review on 3/12/18, the center's behavior management policy failed to include the following actions which are prohibited: physical or corporal punishment which includes but is not limited to yelling, slapping, spanking, yanking, shaking, pinching, exposure to extreme temperatures or other measures producing physical pain, putting anything in the mouth of a child, requiring a child to exercise, or placing a child in an uncomfortable position, verbal abuse, which includes but is not limited to using offensive or profane language, telling a child to "shut up", the threat of a prohibited action even if there is no intent to follow through with the threat, being bullied by another child, being restrained by devices such as high chairs or feeding tables for disciplinary purposes, and having active play time withheld for disciplinary purposes, except timeout may be used during active play time for an infraction incurred during the playtime.

1509-A.8.c: Behavior Management Policy - Time Out

Not Met

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Time out shall not be used for children under age 2.

A time out shall take place within sight of staff.

The length of each time out shall be based on the age of the child and shall not exceed 1 minute per year of age. For children over age six, a time out may be extended beyond 1 minute per year of age, if a signed and dated statement, including a maximum time limit, from the parent granting such permission, is on file at the center.

Finding:

1509-A.8.c Based on record review on 3/12/18, the center's behavior management policy for time out failed to include that the length of each time out

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1511-A.3: Receiving and Releasing Children procedure

Not Met

1511-A.3: An early learning center shall establish in writing and implement procedures for: Receiving and releasing a child from the center.

Finding:

1511-A.3 Based on record review on 03/12/2018, S1 failed to have in writing the procedures for receiving and releasing a child from the center.

1711-A-B-F-G: Child to Staff Ratio

Not Met

1711-A-B-F-G:

- A. Child to staff ratios are established to ensure the safety of all children.
- B. Minimum child to staff ratios shall be met at all times.
 - 1. There shall be a minimum of two staff members present at an early learning center when more than one child is present.
 - 2. Only those staff members directly providing care, supervision or guidance to children shall be counted in the child to staff ratios.
- F. Minimum Child to Staff Ratios for Type I centers:

Ages of Children	Ratio			
Infants under 1 year	6:1			
1 year		8:1	2 years	12:1
3 years	14:1			
4 years	16:1			
5 years	20:1			
6 years and up		25:1		

G. Mixed Age Groups - Minimum Child to Staff Ratios

- 1. An average of the child to staff ratios may be applied to mixed age groups of children ages 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- 2. Child to staff ratios for children under age two are excluded from averaging.
- 3. When a mixed age group includes children younger than age two, the age of the youngest child determines the child to staff ratio for the group.
- 4. An average may be applied to a mixed age group consisting only of children ages 5 and older.

Finding:

1711-A-B-F-G Based on observations on 03/12/2018, specialist observed S4 supervising 16 children ages 3-4 years of age alone. S4 could only supervise 15 children alone and needed 1 additional staff inside the classroom. Specialist also could not determine if there was a minimum of two staff members present at the center when more than one child was present because center staff failed to be signed in. S1 stated that staff have never signed in or out.

1901- G.&H.: Equipment

Not Met

1901- G.&H.: All equipment used by children shall be maintained in a clean and safe condition and in good repair. Moveable equipment shall be secured and supported so that it shall not fall or tip over.

Finding:

1901-G.&H Based on observation on 03/12/2018, specialist observed 16 of 33 nap mats that are torn and have exposed cushioning. S1 stated that she is in the process of ordering new nap mats for the center. Specialist observed children laying on mats during nap time.

1901-Q: The Safety Box

Not Met

1901-Q: The center shall post a copy of the current The Safety Box newsletter issued by the Louisiana Office of the Attorney General and shall immediately remove from the early learning premises any items listed as recalled.

Finding:

1901-Q Based on record review on 03/12/2018, the center failed to post a copy of the current Safety Box newsletter issued by the Louisiana office of the Attorney General.

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1907-E.2: Cribs Free of Toys and Other Soft or Loose Bedding

Not Met

1907-E.2: Cribs shall be free of toys and other soft or loose bedding, including comforters, blankets, sheets, bumper pads, pillows, stuffed animals and wedges when the child is in the crib.

Finding:

1907-E.2 Based on observations on 03/12/2018, specialist observed one infant sitting in a crib that was not free of toys. Specialist observed 1 toy cell phone, and 1 blue, orange, and green toy with rings in the bed.

1907-F.1-5: Prohibited Items

Not Met

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1. Infant walkers;
2. Toy chests, storage bins and other equipment with attached lids;
3. Latex balloons for children under age 3;
4. Trampolines; and
5. Culverts.

Finding:

1907-F.1-5 Based on observations on 3/12/18, Specialist observed 2 large blue plastic storage containers and 1 medium green plastic storage container with attached lids in S4's classroom. S4 removed the lids.

1919-A&B: Food Service and Nutrition - Menu

Not Met

1919-A&B: All meals and snacks provided by the center, and their preparation, service and storage, shall meet the requirements for meals of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and 7 C.F.R. 226.20 and the Louisiana Sanitary Code, Title 51, Part XXIII, found at LAC 51:XXXIII. For the current CACFP meal patterns, contact the Louisiana Department of Education, Division of Nutrition Support.

The weekly menu shall:

1. be planned for each day of the week and list the specific food items served;
2. be prominently posted by the first day of each week and remain posted throughout the week; and
3. have substitutions or additions posted on or near the menu.

Finding:

1919-A&B Based on observations and record review on 03/12/2018, specialist observed children eating lunch which consisted of mini corn dogs, tater tots, fruit cocktail, and drinking orange juice. S1 failed to serve milk for lunch. S1 stated that she only serves milk at breakfast and juice at lunch time.

1919-D: Meals Served

Not Met

1919-D: A minimum of a breakfast or morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack shall be served to children, and meals and snacks shall be served not more than three hours apart.

Finding:

1919-D Based on record review/interview the center meals and snacks are being served more than three hours apart as evidence by review of the center's daily schedule reviewed on 3/12/18. S1 stated that breakfast is served from 6:00am-9:30am, lunch is served from 11:30 am-12:30 pm, and the afternoon snack is served at 2:30 pm-3:00 pm.

1919-D.2: Food Service and Nutrition - Choking Hazards

Not Met

1919-D.2: Children under age 4 shall not have foods that are implicated in choking incidents. Examples of these foods include but are not limited to: whole hot dogs, hot dogs sliced in rounds, raw carrot rounds, whole grapes, hard candy, nuts, seeds, raw peas, hard pretzels, chips, peanuts, popcorn, marshmallows, spoonful of peanut butter, and chunks of meat larger than what can be swallowed whole.

Finding:

1919-D.2 Based on observations on 3/12/18, Specialist observed 13 children (1 year-2 year) eating mini corn dogs that were not cut.

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1921-A: Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Planning

Not Met

1921-A: The director shall consult with appropriate state and local authorities and shall establish and follow a written multi-hazard emergency and evacuation plan to protect children in the event of emergencies that at a minimum shall:

1. address any potential disaster related to the area in which the center is located;
2. include procedures for sheltering in place, lockdown and evacuation to a pre-determined site for potential threats to the safety, health and well-being of children in care;
3. include specific procedures for handling infants through two year olds;
4. include specific procedures for handling children with special needs, including the evacuation and transportation of children in wheelchairs;
5. include a system to account for all children;
6. include a system, and a back-up system, for contacting parents and authorized third party release caretakers;
7. include a system to reunite children and parents following an emergency;
8. include procedures for providing information about the emergency plan to parents at the time of enrollment and when changes occur;
9. be reviewed annually for accuracy and updated as changes occur; and
10. be reviewed with all staff at least once per year.
11. practice drills shall be conducted at least twice per year to include all children and shall be documented.

Finding:

1921-A Based on record review the center's emergency evacuation plan failed to include specific procedures for handling infants through two years old.

2101-A.13: Appropriate Driver's License

Not Met

2101-A.13: The center shall maintain a copy of a valid appropriate Louisiana or other state-issued driver's license for all individuals who drive vehicles used to transport children, whether said drivers are staff members or contracted drivers.

Finding:

2101-A.13 Based on record review on 03/12/2018, S1 failed to have documentation of a valid driver's license for S6 who is the center's driver. Specialist observed the last valid driver's license in S6's file expired 08/12/2017.

2103-F: Passenger Transportation Log

Not Met

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1. A current passenger log for each trip shall be used to track children and staff during transportation.
2. The log shall be maintained on file at the center and a copy shall be provided to the driver or monitor.
3. The following shall be recorded in the passenger log:
 - a. date the transportation is provided;
 - b. name of the child;
 - c. name of driver and staff members;
 - d. pick up and drop off locations;
 - e. time child was placed on the vehicle;
 - f. time child was released and name of the person or entity to whom child was released; and
 - g. signature of staff person completing the log.

Finding:

2103-F Based on record review on 3/12/18, the center passenger logs reviewed for the week of 1/15/18-1/19/2018 and 2/19/18-2/23/18, failed to document the name of the school that the children were pickup from, the location of where the children were released after being picked up from school, the drivers name, and who the children were released too.

2107.A.1-2: Visual Check of Vehicle

Not Met

2107.A.1-2: A visual passenger check of a vehicle is required to ensure that no child is left in the vehicle.

1. A staff person shall physically walk through the vehicle and inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats, and in all enclosed spaces and recesses in the interior of the vehicle.
2. The staff member shall record the time of the visual passenger check and sign the log, indicating that no child was left on the vehicle.

Finding:

2107.A.1-2 Based on record review on 3/12/18, the Specialist was unable to determine if a visual check of the vehicle was performed for the week of 1/15/18-1/19/18 and 2/19/18-2/23/18. The forms failed to have a time documented where it has empty van check written. Specialist noted that there was only initials documented.